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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

<b>Implementation of Restructuring Legislation (Public Utilities Code Sections 381, 383.5 and 445 <u>[AB 1890, SB 90]]: Renewables</u></b>	<b>)      Docket No. 98-REN-EXI )      Docket No. 98-REN-EME )      Docket No. 98-REN-CCS )      Notice of Availability RE: <i>Existing Renewable Resource Account Guidelines, Emerging Renewable Resources Account Guidelines, and Customer Credit Subaccount Guidelines</i></b>
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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

***GUIDEBOOK FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM***

***Volume 1 – Existing Renewable Resources Account***

***Volume 3 – Emerging Renewable Resources Account***

***Volume 4 – Customer Credit Subaccount***

**SEPTEMBER 2001**

The California Energy Commission has adopted changes to three volumes of the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program (Guidebook)*, and the revised volumes of the *Guidebook* are now available. The changes apply to the Existing Renewable Resources Account (Volume 1), the Emerging Renewable Resources Account (Volume 3), and the Customer Credit Subaccount (Volume 4).

Pursuant to the *Overall Guidelines for the Renewable Resource Trust Fund*, substantive changes to the Renewable Energy Program guidelines may be made upon the recommendation of the Energy Commission's Natural Gas and Electricity Committee (Committee) with the approval of the Energy Commission. The Committee recommended the subject changes in its September 14, 2001 public notice, and the Energy Commission adopted the changes as part of its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on September 25, 2001. These changes took effect upon adoption.

**Summary of the Changes to the Guidebooks**

The changes to the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program, Volume 1, Existing Renewable Resources Account* are summarized as follows:

Reallocating \$6.2 million of unused rollover funds from the Existing Renewable Resources Account to the Emerging Renewable Resources Account for the purpose of providing increased funding for the Emerging Renewable Buydown Program.

The changes to the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program, Volume 3, Emerging Renewable Resources Account* are summarized as follows:

- ♦ Increasing the total funding by \$16.2 million. Consistent with the Public Utilities code Section 383.5, subdivision (d), this additional funding shall be allocated as follows: 60 percent for small systems 10 kilowatt (kW) or smaller; 15 percent for medium systems greater than 10 kW but less than 100 kW; and 25 percent for large systems 100 kW or larger. In absolute dollar amounts, \$9.72 million will go to small systems, \$2.43 million to medium systems, and \$4.05 million to large systems.
- ♦ Allocating 75 percent of the funding for medium-sized systems to those that are greater than 10 kW but less than 30 kW in size (75 percent of the 15 percent that goes to medium sized systems).
- ♦ Adding language to ensure that those who apply for funding from the Emerging Renewables Buydown Program and/or to the California Public Utilities Commission's Self Generation program do not receive combined funding from both programs totaling more than \$4.50 per watt or 50 percent of total system cost, whichever is less.

The changes to the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program, Volume 4, Customer Credit Subaccount* are summarized as follows:

- ♦ Reallocating \$10 million of unused rollover funds from the Customer Credit Subaccount to the Emerging Renewable Resources Account for the purpose of providing increased funding for the Emerging Renewable Buydown Program.
- ♦ Extending, through the remainder of year 2001, the credit level that is currently set at 1.0 cent per kilowatt-hour.
- ♦ Making conforming changes regarding the process for distributing funds from the Customer Credit Subaccount in the event that funding is exhausted.

### **Description of Attachment**

Attached are copies of the pages that have been revised in the *Guidebooks* for the Existing Renewable Resources Account (Volume 1) and the Customer Credit Subaccount (Volume 4). These pages can be used to replace the corresponding pages in the previous versions of the *Guidebooks* dated October 2000 for the Existing Account and December 2000 for the Customer Credit Subaccount.

The Energy Commission has also attached a complimentary copy of the revised *Guidebook* for the Emerging Renewable Resources Account (the Buydown Program) for those parties who have expressed an active interest in that Account. This *Guidebook* replaces the previous version of the Guidebook for the Emerging Account (Volume 3) dated May 2001.

### **How to Obtain a Copy of the *Guidebooks***

The *Guidebooks* for each account are available from the Energy Commission's Website at [www.energy.ca.gov/renewables]. To save unnecessary reproduction and mailing costs, the Energy Commission did not mass mail the *Guidebooks* to the general Renewable Energy Program mailing list. If you did not receive a copy and would like one mailed to you, please contact the Energy Commission's Call Center at (800) 555-7794 or the Publications Unit at (916) 654-5200 and request one of the following publications:

P500-01-014V1	Existing Renewable Resources Account Guidebook
P500-01-008V3	Emerging Renewable Resources Account Guidebook
P500-01-014V4	Customer Credit Subaccount Guidebook

You may also submit a written request to:

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